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Council Considers Preparedness, Ball Field Lighting, Capital Budget

by Thomas X. White

The first regular Greenbelt City Council meeting following the summer hiatus had a back-to-business agenda. Council dealt with several matters relating to the effects of Hurricane Katrina on Greenbelt and also considered Park and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) reports concerning proposed ballfield lighting for either McDonald Field or Schrom Hills Park.

At the September 12 meeting council also held a public hearing on the proposed Capital Improvements Budget, which it then adopted. Later the city's two school resource officers reported on their activities during the previous school year.

Katrina Reports

At various points in the meeting agenda, items relating to the gulf coast hurricane disaster relief effort came up. Police Officer Barry Byers gave a first hand account of the use of the Greenbelt police armored personnel carrier (APC) in Louisiana following the storm. Byers and six other officers drove the APC vehicle to Louisiana with a stop-

over in Roanoke, Va. The vehicle, which is high-water accessible, was welcome in the relief efforts taking place in the Katrina aftermath.

The most compelling aspect of Byers' report was the "overwhelming odor" of the disaster areas he described. "It is something that you do not get while viewing the TV news accounts," he said.

City Manager Michael McLaughlin advised council that there may be another request for city assistance in the relief efforts involving the city's animal control officer who might also go to the disaster area. He noted that a request for her assistance was under consideration. It would involve only the officer and not any city equipment.

Council also considered a staff recommendation to enable city classified employees to donate a portion of their unused sick leave for the relief effort. Participating employees would be able to give up their right to use up to eight hours of earned sick leave and the city would donate the monetary value of that leave to the Ameri-

can Red Cross. McLaughlin said that if all classified employees were to participate, the city could contribute approximately \$33,000. Council approved the staff recommendation.

Mayor Judith Davis commented that Katrina had focused a great deal of attention on the emergency preparedness planning for the Washington metropolitan area. Both the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments and the Maryland Municipal League were revisiting and rethinking disaster planning at meetings she had attended. She suggested that Greenbelt should also take another look at its emergency preparedness plans, with specific focus on pets and citizen education efforts.

McDonald Field

Council discussed a series of PRAB reports arising from a Greenbelt Youth Baseball League (formerly Greenbelt Little League) petition to council in November

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County Responds on CB-134; A&E Committee Protests Firing

by Diane Oberg

The two former co-chairs of the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) Architecture and Environment (A&E) Committee are continuing and expanding their calls for investigation over the failure of county officials to enforce the provisions of the recently repealed 1988 law that required larger additions in the core of Greenbelt to undergo detailed site plan review by county officials. In addition the remaining members of the A&E Committee wrote to the GHI board on August 13 protesting the removal of co-chairs William Wilkerson and John Nichols from the committee.

The previously unenforced 1988 law (CB-134-1988), passed as part of an effort to preserve the city's Residential Planned Community zoning, required a detailed site plan review for all additions that would increase the size of the building by more than 25% of the original gross floor area of the property.

Wilkerson and Nichols became aware of the 1988 law while researching the county requirements affecting GHI in their review of GHI's own requirements. At GHI's annual meeting in May members indicated their support for an offer from County Councilmember Douglas Peters to submit legislation, which eventually passed, to exempt Greenbelt from these require-

ments. Wilkerson and Nichols objected to what they considered hasty action. They wrote letters to various public officials expressing their views. In a June 24 letter the GHI Board removed Wilkerson's and Nichols' privileges to serve on any GHI committee. While Wilkerson and Nichols have interpreted the board's language as a permanent ban, GHI President Julia Eichhorst told the News Review that this is not correct. GHI denied the pair's appeal of the board's decision.

County Investigation

On July 17 Wilkerson and Nichols wrote to Prince George's County Executive Jack Johnson requesting "a formal investigation into the facts and circumstances of the failure to enforce CB 134-1988, to identify the responsible public officials and to determine if any criminal or civil penalties are warranted."

On August 16 Elizabeth M. Hewlett, chairman of the Prince George's County Planning Board, responding on behalf of Johnson, wrote to Wilkerson and Nichols acknowledging that county officials had failed to implement the requirements of the 1988 legislation. "I can only apologize for the inaction of those who were in positions of authority at that time and wonder with you that no one complained about that enforcement lapse during the 15 years

since the approval of the Master Plan and SMA. I can assure you that such a lapse would not go unnoticed or unremarked today, in part because we have a much more proactive legislative program and new legislative requirements are publicized throughout the agency"

However, it is unclear how much impact the law would have had, even had county officials enforced it. In an August 5 memorandum to Hewlett, county Planning Director Firn Piret stated that "There are no yard, green space or lot coverage requirements because there are no lots. There are no performance standards for architecture or other appearance issues. Even if detailed site plans had been filed for all additions over 25 percent of gross floor area since 1988, it is safe to say that in all probability the staff would have recommended approval since there are no criteria to do otherwise."

Co-chairs Response

That response has not satisfied Wilkerson and Nichols. In a September 2 letter to Hewlett, they argued: "It appears reasonable to assume that the law, if it had been implemented correctly, would have had a major regulatory impact on our community."

See **CB-143**, page 6

Challenger, Incumbents Seek Election

Just in time to meet the 5 p.m. Monday, September 26 deadline, a challenger – Kelly Ivy – registered as a candidate in the 2005 Greenbelt City Council election. Ivy's entry, joining the five incumbents, makes this year's election a contest.

Three days earlier the last two currently serving councilmembers also registered, according to City Clerk Kathleen Gallagher. Konrad Herling and Rodney Roberts have thus joined Edward Putens, Judith Davis and Leta Mach in hoping to be returned to their council positions.

Konrad Herling Seeks Second Term

Konrad Herling, 52, was first elected to the Greenbelt City Council in 2003. He has worked for 28 years as a communications analyst with the Federal Communications Commission. The first term councilmember is also council's liaison to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, the Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee and Greenbelt Access Television. Additionally he serves as council's representative to the Council of Govern-



PHOTO BY BILL CORNETT

**Councilmember
Konrad Herling**

ment's (COG) Metropolitan Development Policy Committee and the Maryland Municipal League's Communications Committee.

Herling, virtually a lifelong Greenbelter (his family moved here when he was 10 months old), has found the past two years to be challenging and rewarding. This has been the closest one could come to getting a masters in planning and

See **HERLING**, page 9

District Council Approves Traffic Plan Unanimously

by Virginia Beauchamp

Responding to the negative ruling on August 30, 2004, by the Maryland Court of Special Appeals that transportation facilities for the proposed Greenbelt Station were inadequate, Metroland Developers, LLC presented a revised proposal to the Prince George's County Council. On September 13, 2005, that body, sitting as the District Council (its name in matters of land use and zoning), approved these changes.

The new proposal, as described in revised County Bill 36-2005, requires the applicant to show that at the time of preliminary plat approval the development "will be adequately served within a reasonable period of time" either by publicly

funded transportation programs through county, state or federal agencies or "by facilities provided by the applicant."

Such necessary roads, ramps and bridges must be scheduled and 100 percent funded by one or more of these public agencies or the applicant "will fund transportation improvements," the legislation reads, "or trip reduction programs that will alleviate the inadequacy."

The 2004 decision by the Court of Special Appeals had been seen as a victory by the City of Greenbelt, which pursued its legal case despite earlier approval of the developer's proposal by both the county

See **METROLAND**, page 9

What Goes On

Saturday, October 1

9 to 11 a.m., Lake Park Clean-up, Buddy Attick Park

Sunday, October 2

1 to 5 p.m., 10th Anniversary of Community Center

Tuesday, October 4

7:30 p.m., 1st Peace Month Workshop "Non-violence Theory and Practice," Community Center

Wednesday, October 5

8 p.m., Council Worksession on City Manager's Quarterly Report, Community Center

Thursday, October 6

7:30 p.m., GEAC Candidates' Night, Greenbriar Community Center

Saturday, October 8

2 to 6 p.m., Fall Fest, Schrom Hills Park

Letters

THANKS!

All the canines and their humans would like to thank the City of Greenbelt, Susie Hall, GAFC, George Rogala and all the many other co-facilitators of this year's annual pooch plunge. The day was absolutely perfect – sunny and warm, although the outdoor pool water was a little nippy. The many dogs varied in breeds and their water “performances.” Our Jack Russell, Snookie, must have played ball with every human who was not giving attention to their own dog. We have enjoyed our third annual plunge and look forward to next year's!

Still whipped,
L'il Dan Celdran,
on behalf of the Celdran dogs
Max, Snookie,
Sadie and Sampson



Julie-Anne Celdran with her pooches Sampson and Sadie.

*For more photos
of the Pooch
Plunge
see page 12.*

Bingo Thank You

Thank you to everyone who assisted with (and attended) the Labor Day Festival's Basket Bingo fundraiser last week. The event went very well. Thanks go to the Greenbelt American Legion, the Greenbelt Co-op and Greenbelt Community Church – all of whom played very important roles in making sure the event was a success. Thanks also to all of the individuals who helped work the bingo that night and to all of the bingo players. Hopefully everyone had a great time whether they were lucky enough to win a basket or not. Stay tuned for the next bingo, sometime in February.

Patti Brothers,
President
Greenbelt Labor Day
Festival Committee

Six Characters In Search of . . .

Only three evenings (Thursday, September 29 through Saturday, October 1) are left to take advantage of the fact that Pirandello's "Six Characters in Search of an Author" is now at the Greenbelt Arts Center.

Pirandello's 20th-century masterpiece opens on a bare stage where the actors are rehearsing. Six people – who claim to be characters from a play abandoned by their author – make a sudden appearance and seek new life by asking the actors to enact their drama.

Pirandello's brilliant exploration of the nature of reality versus illusion, truth versus artifice and the workings of the creative process is presented in this recently updated version.

Blues, Jazz, Folk to Fill The Center on October 1

by Eileen Peterson

Thirteen musical acts, an open mike hour and a drummers' circle will entertain this Saturday and Sunday, October 1 and 2 as artists dot Roosevelt Center for a Fall Harvest Festival.

Music

Free concerts begin at 10 a.m. Saturday with an open mike, the drummers and "Suzanne Jones," a jazz violin due at 1 p.m. At 1:30 p.m. Dan Zimmerman will bring experimental modern acoustic guitar to the stage, followed by Nick Annis with new folk. "Watermelon Sugar" will bring upbeat alternative country music at 4 p.m.

"Zach Sweeney's Blues Band" which played on the stage on Labor Day and also during the Blues Festival in Roosevelt Center, will mount the stage at 5 p.m. Mike Elosh and "Rain Crow" bring roots folk and traditional mountain folk music at 6 and 7 p.m.

Artists

Artists' tables will showcase pottery (hand-thrown stoneware), childrens' crafts and adult jewelry

of many varieties, painted candles and painted glass. There will be a demonstration of "lampwork" glass ornaments. Photography, hand-knit felt handbags and scarves and hand-crafted pictures and greeting cards fill out the crafts schedule for both days (see ad on page 3).

Sunday Music

James Riorhdan's folk music opens at 11 a.m. followed at noon by world-beat folk group "Sho Sho." Doug Allen Wilcox returns to Greenbelt at 1 p.m. with Alex Martin's jazz guitar sounds (he plays Tuesdays inside the New Deal Café) at 2 p.m.

"Scrub Pines" provides folk and alternative country at 3 p.m. and Zoe Mulford brings her award-winning new folk songs at 4 p.m. to close the festival.

This is the last of the monthly events held from April through early October outside in Roosevelt Center produced by Friends of New Deal Café. The Harvest Festival receives funding from the City of Greenbelt and Prince George's County.

GATE Offers Free Children's Program

GATE will sponsor its monthly screening at the New Deal Café on Wednesday, October 5 at 7:30 p.m. The program will re-show the children's animation productions. The lineup will also include Eileen Murray/Alan Haley's animation of the "Little Boy Blue" poem. "Green Concrete" is the children's animation class project for 2003 sponsored by Greenbelt Homes, Inc. The final selection will be a showing of "Cinderella's Wish" which was hosted by the Greenbelt Arts Center in 2002. The event is free. For information contact the GATE studio at 301-507-6581.

Film Festival Needs People to Volunteer

Attention film buffs! GATE (Greenbelt Access Television) is seeking volunteers for its first international independent film festival, the Greenbelt Utopia Film & Video Festival, to be held November 11-13 in Greenbelt. Volunteers are needed to work two-hour shifts Friday, November 11 and Saturday, November 12 from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. both days and on Sunday, November 13 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Also needed are ticket takers, greeters/program distributors, projectionists and gophers at the following venues: the Old Greenbelt Theatre, Municipal Building Council Chambers, Greenbelt Arts Center and Greenbelt Library. Volunteers will get free passes to screenings at the festival. Call Director George Kochell or Malia Murray at GATE studios in the Greenbelt Community Center, 301-507-6581.

The combination of the play itself and its portrayal by the cast is captivating!

So I strongly suggest that you and your family and friends avail yourselves of this opportunity. Performances start at 8 p.m. The play contains mature subject matter – parental guidance is recommended. Call 301-474-8770.

Leonie Penney

Free Lacrosse Clinic for Girls

On Saturday, October 1 and 22 a free Lacrosse clinic will be held for area girls at Greenbelt Middle School in Greenbelt. Girls from 4th through 8th grade are invited to come out and try throwing, catching, shooting and playing defense. Experienced coaches will demonstrate the proper techniques and loaner sticks will be available. No prior experience necessary or expected. The clinic will start at 3:15 p.m. and last until 4:30 p.m. Interested girls can also register to play in the spring on one of two teams: 5th/6th grade and 7th/8th grade. The teams' game season is from early April through May with practices starting in late February. Come out and give it a try. Call 301-699-9183 for more information or email kit@mkso.net.

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The photos of Junior Miss Greenbelt Devin Fendlay and Little Miss Greenbelt Alexis Thompson and the photo of Fendlay and Amanda Dorsey dancing on page 12 of last week's issue were taken by Alan Burt.

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

Week of SEPT 30

JUNE BUG (R)

Friday
*5:10, 7:30, 9:45

Saturday
*2:45, *5:10, 7:30, 9:45

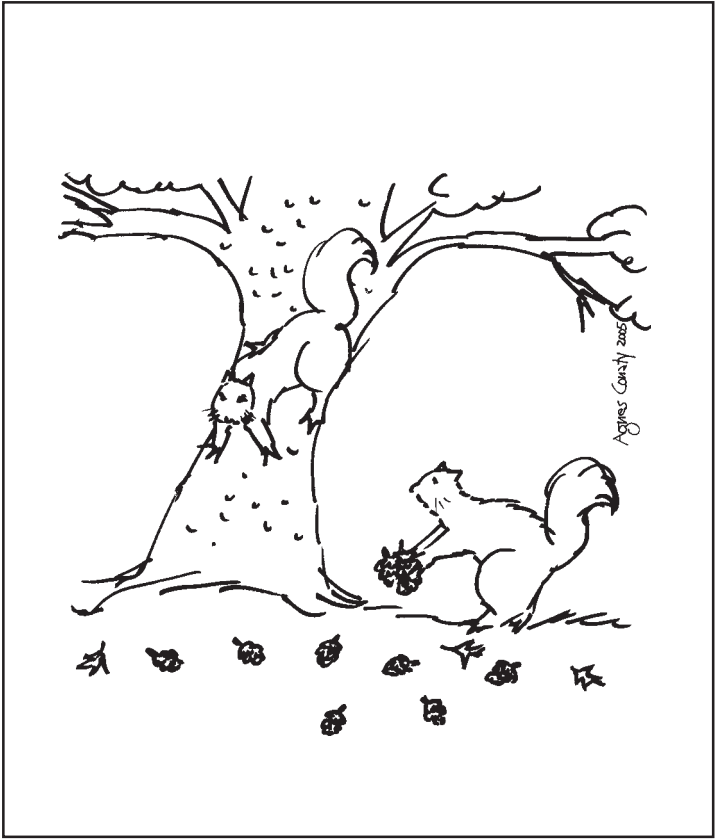
Sunday
*2:45, *5:10, 7:30

Monday - Thursday
*5:10, 7:30

*These shows at \$5.00

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129 Centerway
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Grin Belt



"Sure, pine cones displayed in elaborate baskets will be conversation pieces at the Fall Harvest Festival."

On Screen

"Junebug" Homes In

In "Junebug," the new film at Old Greenbelt Theatre, a recently-married couple from Chicago (Madeleine owns a trendy art gallery) mixes it up on a colorful first-time visit with George's downhome family in rural North Carolina – quiet poppa, up-front momma, angry younger brother and his warm-hearted, pregnant wife. At the same time Madeleine strives to corral a rustic artist fixated by God, the Civil War and prominent male members – no Grandpa Moses he. Amy Adams plays an especially winning character in pregnant wife Ashley amid a close tangle of lives sometimes beset by conflicting elements. A little less sex as well as that now well-nigh universal "f" word would have been welcome from debuting director Phil Morrison and screenwriter Angus MacLachlan. Rated R; 112 minutes.

– Eli Flam

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Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.
OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 8 - 10 p.m.

Community Events

Greenbelt Park Holds Fall Festival

The National Park Service and Greenbelt Park will hold a fall festival featuring music for all ages on Saturday, October 8 from noon to 5 p.m. with a rain date of Sunday, October 9.

The park is still looking for participants to join in the festival. Contact the park at 301-344-3944 and ask for Ranger Martin.

The festival will have face painting, cotton candy, popcorn, hayrides and games for the whole family. There will be special appearances by Smokey Bear and Woodsey the Owl.

Music will include everything from jazz to salsa to oldies.

Greenbelt Park is located at 6565 Greenbelt Road between Kenilworth Avenue and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway.

For information call 301-344-3944 or visit the park website at <http://www.nps.gov/gree/>.

Tour Solar Homes In Greenbelt

Whether it's the high price of energy or a commitment to keep the "green" in Greenbelt – and for those who heat with electricity, natural gas or heating oil – this year's Solar Homes Tour will offer ideas and solutions. With energy prices high and slated to go even higher, most homeowners have a keen interest in containing the cost of heating their homes.

Greenbelt residents are participating again this year in the national Solar Homes Tour, where owners of solar homes open their homes to the public to demonstrate the solar energy and energy efficiency features of their homes. Four Lakeside residents will show how the solar panels on their roofs generate electricity or heat water. These homeowners will also show many other energy-saving devices.

The Solar Home Tour is October 1 and 2 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Greenbelt homes will be open on Saturday this year; other neighborhoods can be viewed on Sunday. Admission is with a brochure. Brochures listing these Greenbelt solar homes and more than two dozen other solar homes in the Greater Washington, D.C., area are available free at the Greenbelt Co-op.

GBLT Pride Hosts Coming Out Party

GreenBeLT Pride (GBLT), an organization of gay, bisexual, lesbian and transgendered citizens will celebrate National "Coming Out" Day, Tuesday, October 11 with a social event from 6 to 9 p.m. at the New Deal Café, 113 Centerway.

"Closets are for Clothes" will be the theme of the event to mark the annual celebration by GBLT people of "coming out of the closet," the term used to describe the process of recognizing, acknowledging, affirming and disclosing their sexual identity and orientation. A clothing exchange will be part of the festivities and participants are asked to bring up to three items of clothing to exchange with other participants. Excess clothing at the end of the evening will be donated to Gulf Coast hurricane relief efforts.

For information on the event or GreenBeLT Pride call Frank DeBernardo, 301-474-5294.

Greenbelt Children Join Walk to School

On Wednesday, October 5 Springhill Lake Elementary School and Greenbelt Elementary School will join schools from around the world to celebrate International Walk to School Day.

Springhill Lake walkers are to meet in the rear lot of Beltway Plaza no later than 7:30 a.m.

Greenbelt Elementary School walkers can meet at either Roosevelt Center at 8:30 a.m. or the playground in the area of Ridge Road and Plateau Place at 8:40 a.m. or simply follow their normal routes and converge at the school.

In just one generation walking to school has gone from the norm to the exception. Only 10 percent of American school children walk to school. Walking or biking to school can be one way for children to get the 60 minutes of physical activity recommended by the surgeon general and will reduce air pollution and traffic congestion at the same time.

This event also serves as an important reminder to all motorists to be extra alert when driving in school zones and to always keep an eye out for children walking to and from school.

At the Library

Tuesday, October 4, 10:30 a.m. – Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months with caregiver, limit 15 babies.

Wednesday, October 5, 10:30 a.m. – Toddlertime for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver, limit 15 toddlers.

Thursday, October 6, 10:30 a.m. – Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 to 5 years, limit 20 children.

Coffee Club to Meet At New Deal Café

A new group, the Prince George's Coffee Club, a support group sponsored by Pain Connection of Potomac, will meet on Wednesday, October 5 at 11 a.m. at the New Deal Café. Pain Connection is open to anyone with chronic pain and to their family and friends. All participants are welcome to bring pillows, mats, ice or hot packs to be comfortable. The group will meet again on October 12 from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at Rexford Place, 9885 Greenbelt Road.

For further information call 301-309-2444 or see www.painconnection.org.

Board Members Sought by Co-op

The Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative will hold elections for two positions on its board of directors. Candidates will be presented and voting will take place at the Co-op's annual meeting to be held Saturday, October 29 in the Community Center Multipurpose Room.

Any voting member of the Co-op may be nominated for a position on the board. Those interested need to fill out a nominating form, available from the Co-op office, and obtain the signatures of at least five voting members who support their candidacy. The completed forms must be returned to the office by October 10. Board members are responsible for the operation of the supermarket and meet once a month. For information call Mimi Noorani at 301-446-0397 or 301-474-0522.

Writing Projects For ACE Readers



The ACE Reading Club is a free reading-incentive program offered by the City of Greenbelt. It is open to all students in grades K through 12 and already has projects and activities underway this school year at Greenbelt Elementary School, Greenbelt Middle School and Springhill Lake Elementary School.

Older students in these schools are contributing to a project called City Books. This project will culminate in a book that will be published by the ACE Reading Club. The book is an exploration of the City of Greenbelt including information and illustrations about fire and rescue services, all types of recreation in Greenbelt, the city government, Public Works, the history of Greenbelt and the people of Greenbelt.

Each school has adopted one or two chapters to write and illustrate or photograph for the book. The book should be completed and printed by the end of May.

In addition to this new project, the ACE Reading Club continues to offer their traditional programming including cable television shows featuring the Club's student members, the ACE Reading Club website featuring the students' reading-related artwork, creative projects, book reviews and tips and tools for teachers and parents and the Annual Youth Writing Contest in conjunction with the Greenbelt Youth Literary Showcase. The ACE Reading Club will begin accepting entries for the Youth Writing Contest in November.

Plans are in development for Magnolia Elementary School and Eleanor Roosevelt High School to participate as well with the City Books project and regular Club activities.

For information, teachers, parents and students should contact Liz Murray, Program Coordinator, by phone at 301-345-6660 or by email at lmurray@greenbeltmd.gov.

Beaverdam Creek Watershed Cleanup

The Beaverdam Creek Watershed Watch Group will have a cleanup on Saturday, October 8 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Those wishing to help should meet at the walkway heading from Gardenway toward the Eleanor Roosevelt footbridge. Long pants, sturdy shoes and clothes that can get dirty are recommended. Call Susan Barnett at 301-474-7465 for more information.

Greenbriar Community Yard Sale

SATURDAY, OCT 1
9AM-2PM

VENDORS NEEDED

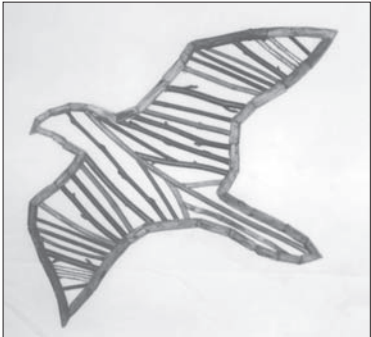
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****RAIN OR SHINE****
20+ VENDORS

Exhibit at New Deal Café Is Extended

Paul Downs' art exhibit at the New Deal Café, "Dreams of A Native Child," has been extended through the month of October. During this month, 10 percent of all art sales will go to benefit the companion animal victims of the hurricanes, Katrina and Rita (Kat-Rita). Many animals in the Gulf coast area need help.

For more information about the show contact Paul Downs at www.PaulDownsArt.com or 301-474-6708.



This hawk is one of the many pieces in the "Dreams of A Native Child" exhibit at the New Deal Café. The works were done by Greenbelt artist Paul Downs and the exhibit will be on display through October.

October Is Peace Month in Greenbelt

A weekly series of workshops will be held during Greenbelt's Peace Month. For more information see the City Information ad on page 5.



NEW DEAL CAFE

*Expanded Space
Coming Soon!*

This Weekend
October 1 and 2
Harvest Arts and Music Festival
Roosevelt Center
Saturday 10am to 8pm
Sunday 10am to 5pm

Also Catch
Waverly Milor
and his Blue Friends
playing Friday 8-11pm
Full October Music Schedule
And Expansion Information at
NewDealCafe.com

Greenbelt Arts Center

CABARET

(revised 1987 version)
by Kander, Ebb & Masteroff
Oct. 2 & 3 at 7:30pm
Come dressed to dance
Prepared to sing
Cold readings from script
Performs 1/6-28, 2006
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301-441-8770
www.greenbeltartscenter.org

Fall Harvest Festival

Saturday, Oct. 1
10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
and Sunday, Oct. 2
11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
in Roosevelt Center

Hourly music concerts and regional artists selling hand-made items.
Bake sale by the Greenbelt Nursery School.

See story on page 2 for a list of musicians and artisans.

This free, outdoor event is produced by Friends of New Deal Café (FONDCA) with additional funding from the City of Greenbelt and Prince George's County.

Obituaries

Joseph P. Loftus, Jr.

Joseph P. Loftus, Jr., of Houston, Texas, died unexpectedly September 4, 2005, while visiting a son in Oregon. He was 75 years old, the eldest child of Greenbelt pioneers Joseph, Sr. and Margaret Loftus.

Mr. Loftus was born in Chicago and moved to the new town of Greenbelt with his parents when he was seven years old. He graduated from Holy Redeemer School and Gonzaga College High School. He attended St. Charles Seminary in Baltimore prior to graduating from Catholic University in 1953. Mr. Loftus pursued doctoral work in psychology at Fordham University until 1956. He then served as a pilot and a research psychologist with the U.S. Air Force.

In 1961 he was transferred to Houston to work with NASA on the Mercury and then the Apollo programs. From 1962 to 1968 Mr. Loftus was chief of the Operations Integration Branch of the Systems Engineering Division of the Apollo program. In the 1970s he spearheaded efforts to address orbital debris, consulting with NASA headquarters in Washington and testifying before congressional committees. From 1977 to 1979 he was assistant director (Plans) of NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston. In later years he continued to work on orbital debris issues, culminating in his support to the U.S. role in bringing the Russian space station Mir back to earth. He frequently represented NASA at national and international aerospace symposiums.

Mr. Loftus was a fellow of the American Institute of Astronautics and Aeronautics and was the recipient of many awards, including the USAF Commendation Medal, MSC Superior Achievement Award and NASA Exceptional Service Medal (twice). Upon his retirement from NASA in April 2001 he was awarded the NASA Distinguished Service Medal.

He is survived by six children and 10 grandchildren and by his seven siblings: Martin Loftus of Baltimore; Katharine Boucher of Severna Park; Judith Hunter of Madison, Wisc.; Joan Brown of Kensington; Gregory Lyon-Loftus of Waynesboro, Pa.; C.Michael Loftus of Potomac; and John Loftus of Frankford, Del.


A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated September 10 at Our Lady of Mercy church in Potomac. A public ceremony for friends and colleagues will be held in Houston at a later date (for details contact james.loftus@highstream.net).

Memorial contributions in Mr. Loftus' name may be made to Gonzaga College High School, 19 Eye St. NW., Washington, DC 20001.

Baha'i Faith

"Close Connections:
The Bridge between Spiritual
and Physical Reality"
by John S. Hatcher
available at Borders Bookstore
425 Pages, Baha'i Publishing

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www.bahai.org www.us.bahai.org



Greenbelters were saddened to hear of the death of Pioneer Greenbelter Joseph P. Loftus, Jr. Mr. Loftus came to Greenbelt when he was 7 years old with his parents Joseph, Sr., and Margaret Loftus.

Army Reserve Pfc. Rachelle A. Matthews graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. Matthews, a 2004 graduate of the Woodland Job Corps Center in Laurel, is the daughter of Neysa Matthews of Jacobs Drive.

Greenbelters Eric Crutchfield and Simon Somuah, both ERHS graduates, are attending Liberty University in Lynchburg, Va.

Jane Love had successful stomach surgery last Friday at a hospital in Virginia and is now back at Crescent Cities Nursing Home in Riverdale. Visiting hours are 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. She is now in room 329. Her short-term memory varies but she is glad to talk to anyone. The nursing home is on Queensbury, 1 block south of East-West Highway just west of Route 1.

Doug Love has lunch with her on weekdays and takes the dog to visit her on weekends. People can join him in a visit by calling him at 240-582-2637 weekdays or at dlove@mygreenbelt.com or dlove@umuc.edu.

KinderFest Provides Family Fun on Sun.

The annual KinderFest, a full-day of family fun is scheduled for Sunday, October 2 at Watkins Regional Park, 301 Watkins Park Drive, Upper Marlboro.

KinderFest is a family festival with events including entertainment, arts and crafts, carnival games, scarecrow making and more for youth and families. Volunteers are needed to work in the arts and crafts and games areas, Old Maryland Farm, information booth, assist at the entertainment area and wear costume character outfits.

For information call 301-218-6700, TTY 301-218-6768 or the Volunteer Services Office at 301-249-7208.

Hospice Seeks Volunteers

Hospice of the Chesapeake will offer a Volunteer Information Day for prospective volunteers on Saturday, October 8 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at 8724 Jericho City Drive, Landover.

Volunteer opportunities include patient care, bereavement support and community outreach. In a relaxed and informal setting, hospice staff will discuss the various volunteer opportunities available and answer questions. Refreshments will be served.

To register call Julie Medlin at 301-499-4500 or email to jmedlin@hospicechesapeake.org.

Medieval Faire At Marietta

See the Middle Ages come to life at the annual Medieval Faire, Saturday, October 8 and Sunday, October 9 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the grounds of Marietta House Museum. There is a fee.

Meet Saxons, Normans, Vikings and re-enactors from other living history camps from the 11th to 15th centuries. Enjoy music, crafts, demonstrations, games and entertainment. Battle re-enactments will be held throughout the day. Period merchants and a food vendor will be on site.

Marietta House Museum is located at 5626 Bell Station Road, Glenn Dale, off Route 193 and just north of Route 450/Annapolis Road. For more information call 301-464-5291, TTY 301-699-2544 or visit the website at www.pgpark.com.

Rosh Hashunah Services Announced

Rosh Hashunah services at Mishkan Torah will begin on Monday evening, October 3 at 8 p.m. On Tuesday morning Rosh Hashunah morning services will begin at 9 a.m. and continue until approximately 2 p.m., followed by a Tashlich service on the peninsula of Greenbelt Lake. On Wednesday morning services will begin again at 9 a.m. and continue until 2 p.m. Seating is available without prior arrangements for visitors, students and military personnel and their families.

October is Peace Month






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Municipal Building

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Sunday School 9:45 am Worship Service 11:00 am
Handicapped accessible Easy parking


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For more information about the Qur'an, e-mail us at searchislam@mail.com or call 301-982-9463 or visit www.islamguide.com.

Gifts from the Garden

On Saturday, October 1, from 1 to 4 p.m. the National Herb Garden at the U.S. National Arboretum will present an afternoon of family fun as members of the Herb Society of America demonstrate how to prepare herbal gifts from the garden for the holiday season. This free demonstration includes samples of and instructions for herb butter, flavored vinegars and potpourri. Visit www.usna.usda.gov or call 202-245-4523 for more information.

Jazz Exhibit at UM

The David C. Driskell Center and The Art Gallery at the University of Maryland present: “Faith Ringgold: Mama Can Sing, Papa Can Blow.” This is an exhibition featuring the artist’s latest series, “Jazz Stories 2004,” including story quilts, paintings, drawings and prints. Organized in conjunction with ACA Galleries, New York, the exhibit will take place from October 5 to December 14.

Green Roof Lecture Offered

What is a green roof and why should anyone be interested? What are the current trends in green roofs in the U.S.? On Friday, October 7 from noon to 1 p.m., through an illustrated slide presentation, Ed Snodgrass, owner and president of Emory Knoll Farms, Inc. and Green Roof Plants, will discuss the basic terminology, designs, local resources and plant selection to help listeners envision a green roof project. The event is free, will be held at the U.S. Botanic Garden and pre-registration is required. To register, call the Garden at 202-226-4082 or visit the online event registration at www.usbg.gov/education/events.

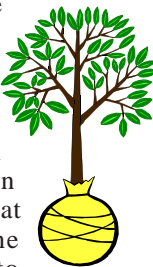
Three New Displays At Montpelier Center

Montpelier Arts Center will show three art exhibits through October 28. In the Library Gallery will be “Sculpture Installation,” a display by Alonzo Davis. Judith Conway and Kevin O’Toole will show “Kiln Formed Glass” in the Resident Artist Gallery. Work of Prince George’s Community College art faculty and faculty emeritus can be viewed in the main gallery. Participants are Judythe Oak Andraka, Michele Bazemone, Thomas Berault, Doyle Eskew, Caroline Huff, Barbara Johnson, Gerald King, John Krumrein, Marni Leikin, Joe Mayer, Jerry Parsons, Marcia Pearl and Sarah Wegner.

Arboretum Provides Free Unusual Trees

The U.S. National Arboretum will supply free trees to the City of Greenbelt for fall and spring planting. These trees are unusual varieties, filling in the balance of what is needed in the city, according to Public Works’ Assistant Director Bill Phelan.

Since the city will be getting these trees, Greenbelt will not participate in the county’s Livable Communities Initiative, which also provides trees, said City Manager Michael McLaughlin.



City Information

Meetings for October 3rd-7th
Wednesday, October 5th, 8:00 pm, Council Work Session, re: City Manager’s Quarterly Report, Community Center.
Thursday, October 6th, 7:30 pm, GEAC Candidates Forum, Greenbriar Community Center.
ALL ARE WELCOME TO COME OUT AND MEET THE CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR CITY COUNCIL!

OPENINGS ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES
Volunteer to serve on City Council advisory groups. Vacancies exist on the:
Advisory Committee on Education
Employee Relations Board
Recycling and Environment Advisory Board
For more information, please call 301-474-8000.

Call for Entries
2005 Festival of Lights Art & Craft Fair
Application Deadline: October 7
Event: December 3 and 4
Greenbelt Community Center
15 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD

Last call to apply! Applications for the Greenbelt Recreation Department’s annual Festival of Lights Art and Craft Fair are due October 7. This juried show is a favorite with shoppers and exhibitors alike. There is no fee to apply; a booth fee will due upon acceptance to the show. The application can be downloaded from:
www.greenbeltnmd.gov/arts/FOL_05_application.pdf
For additional information, contact Barbara Dickey Davis at 240-542-2062.

GREENBELT MUNICIPAL/PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNEL 71
MUNICIPAL ACCESS: 301-474-8000: Tuesday & Thursday, October 4 & 6: 10am & 6:00pm “Ask the Expert,” 7pm “Miss Greenbelt Pageant Talent Show,” 8pm “Senior Forum 2005.”
PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE): 301-507-6581: Wednesday & Friday, October 5 & 7: 7pm “Cooperatives with Leta Mach-The Greenbelt Co-op,” 7:30pm GAC presents “You Never Know.”

Greenbelt Community Center
10th Anniversary Celebration
October 2, 2005 from 1:00pm to 5:00pm at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Rd.
Join in this celebration for all ages!
WORKSHOPS galore: Woodworking, clay, darkroom printing, stationery crafts, writing, improv and more; **THE COMMUNITY CENTER STORY:** told through a panel discussion at 1pm.; **MUSIC:** Enjoy authentic Swedish sounds from a Greenbelt-based ensemble. All ages can join in easy traditional ring dances. At 4pm a Camp Encore and Creative Kids Camp **REUNION CHORUS** will perform songs from Chris Cherry’s original musical, “The Cookie Caper”; **OPEN HOUSES** with many community groups; **GALLERY RECEPTION** from 2-4pm for a special 10th Anniversary show reflecting work and play at the Community Center called “Community Prints: Community Pride” ; **SUPPORT CREATIVE OPPORTUNITIES** for all ages by participating in a raffle to benefit arts program scholarships. For a detailed schedule, visit www.greenbeltnmd.gov
For more information please call 301-397-2208

OCTOBER IS PEACE MONTH IN GREENBELT!
A weekly series of workshops will be held throughout the month.
NON-VIOLENCE THEORY AND PRACTICE
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4 at 7:30pm
GREENBELT COMMUNITY CENTER
Presented by Bertram Donn, founder and co-coordinator of the Peace & Justice Coalition, Prince George’s County. For more info call 301-474-1353.
justpeacepg@earthlink.net

City of Greenbelt
FALL FEST
Saturday, October 8th
2-6pm
Schrom Hills Park
Family fun and entertainment for all!

Pumpkin Patch, Scarecrow Making, Kidcare IDs, Moonbounces, Mini Golf, Facepainting, Hayrides , Kiddie Train Rides, Interactive Art, Honky Tonk Confidential, “Kidsinger Jim” Hossick, Fantastic Food and so much more!
Call 301-397-2200 for more information.

LAKE PARK CLEAN UP
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1st-9AM – 11AM
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
Come and join members of the Recycling and Environment Committee remove litter and other debris from the shoreline and path at Buddy Attick Park.
* **Bring your work gloves.**
* **Wear Comfortable Clothing and Boots – or old shoes.**
Attention Students – Community Service Hours will be given. Bring your forms!!
For more information, call the Public Works Office at 301-474-8004

GREENBELT AQUATIC AND FITNESS CENTER
Fall Session-Register Now!
Adult Water Aerobics Classes & Children’s Swim Lessons
Session Dates: Sept. 26 to Nov. 19
Children’s Lessons Begin on Saturday, October 1st: .
For more information call 301-397-2204 or visit www.greenbeltnmd.gov

HELP THE KATRINA RELIEF EFFORT WITH RECREATIONAL SUPPLIES
The Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center, by request of the Director of Recreation for Baton Rouge, Louisiana, is requesting your assistance. Donations of new recreational supplies (or ones in good condition) are needed and appreciated. This includes sports balls, gloves, bats, helmets, volleyball nets, jump ropes, arts and craft materials, board games, cards, etc.
Donations may be brought to the GREENBELT AQUATIC AND FITNESS CENTER 101 CENTERWAY, 301-397-2204

CITY ELECTION INFORMATION
REMINDER - VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE

The final day to register to vote in the Greenbelt City Council election is Monday, October 10, 2005.

If you need to change your address: If you are already registered to vote in Prince George’s County but have moved within the county, you may pick up a change-of-address form in the City Clerk’s Office in the Municipal Building to mail to the County Board of Elections. Or call the County Board of Elections at 301-430-8020.

If you live within the corporate boundaries of Greenbelt but are not registered to vote in Prince George’s County: you may obtain the registration form from the City Clerk’s office, the public library, the Prince George’s County Web site, or the County Board of Elections at 16201 Trade Zone Avenue in Upper Marlboro. All forms must be received by the County Board of Elections in Upper Marlboro no later than 4:30 p.m., Monday, October 10, 2005.

For additional information, call Kathleen Gallagher, City Clerk at 301-474-8000 or send e-mail to kgallagher@greenbeltnmd.gov

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2003. It had asked the city to install lights at McDonald Field located behind 7 Court Southway near the Baltimore-Washington Parkway.

In a February 2004 report PRAB raised questions about available funding, support of the proposal by adjacent residents and GHI, the overall impact of the lights and the need for lights at that location if lights are installed at the larger Schrom Hills Park in Greenbelt East. PRAB, concluding that the proposal should be explored, recommended holding a public hearing to assess community support.

In April 2005 PRAB held a public information meeting on the topic. Board members learned that the petitioners’ original estimates were no longer valid and the cost to install lights would approach \$110,000. Based on that hearing PRAB found neither strong support nor opposition to the lights, but noted opposition by two residents in the immediate neighborhood. Because of the increased estimated cost, PRAB recommended giving the project less priority.

In its June 2005 recommendation PRAB supported lights for McDonald Field if use is limited to the hours proposed by the petitioners. However PRAB gave a higher priority to lighting the Schrom Hills Park ballfields. It recommended adding McDonald Field lights to the city’s list of unfunded Capital Projects (wish list).

City staff recommended a council worksession with PRAB and other interested parties on ball field lighting at both Schrom Hills Park and McDonald Field.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts asked, “Why Schrom Hills Park? Since the petitioners were only requesting lights for McDonald Field, the meeting with PRAB should only discuss that request.” Staff responded that lights at Schrom Hill Park would have greater use and impact and would reduce existing pressure on the over-utilized lighted Braden Field. After discussion council agreed to hold a meeting.

Capital Projects.

Council held a public hearing on the Fiscal Year 2006 Capital Projects budget, which council does not adopt at the same time as other city budgets because capital expenditures are multi-year programs. At the time the city budget was considered last spring, McLaughlin proposed a \$1,325,000 Capital Projects budget and provided a list of recommended projects.

On July 13 council held a worksession in which staff presented updated information on Fiscal Year 2005 actual expenditures, a list of projects that should be reprogrammed and revised cost estimates for planned projects. Staff also recommended another project, \$10,000 for lights for the Community Center stage. These recommended changes brought the total appropriation to \$1,416,000.

Since that worksession, staff has recommended another \$1,000 budget item to reflect a final payment on the state-supported Compressed Natural Gas Fast-Fill appliance at the Public Works facility, thereby increasing the needed appropriation to \$1,417,000.

As it turned out, no one testified at the public hearing concerning the proposed budget or

appropriation ordinance and council unanimously adopted it.

School Report

Master Police Officers John Rogers and Marty Parker reported on the school resource officer (SRO) program for the 2004-2005 school year. Analysis of trends for the general areas measured – complaints on-campus, complaints off-campus, truancy, trespassers and student contacts – showed stable activity levels for Eleanor Roosevelt High (ERHS) and Greenbelt Middle Schools.

Both officers reported that the SRO programs at all the schools are well accepted by faculty and students and provide a platform for several worthwhile student programs. The SROs conduct Gang Resistance Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T.) at the middle school and are thinking of taking that program into the elementary schools.

At ERHS Rogers teaches a Criminal Justice class and a conference about gangs was organized with the Prince George’s County State’s Attorney’s Office and school security officers. At Greenbelt and Springhill Lake Elementary Schools, the SRO program includes the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) program and a AAA Safety Patrol Program.

Another traffic safety program, designed for kindergarten to fourth grade students, includes visits by Otto, the talking car. Eddie Eagle is a program for teaching elementary school children to stay away from guns.

Other accomplishments during the past year include a Bike Rodeo for grades three through six at Springhill Lake Elementary, acquisition of a call simulator that allows young children to learn how to dial 911, a very successful Mothers Against Drunk Driving program presented before the ERHS prom and graduation activities and the Greenbelt Walk to School Day programs.

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They continue, “We disagree with staff’s contention that traditional setbacks and lot coverage standards could not be applied to the original Greenbelt townhomes because they were not built on fee-simple lots We contend that the proper procedure would have been to require the property owner, GHI, to obtain detailed site plan approval for each lot (or parcel) upon which the corporation desired to request a permit for an addition over 25 percent [gross floor area].”

The pair also call upon county officials to go beyond the standards noted by Piret. They point out that Greenbelt was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1997 and was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1980. They acknowledge that neither of these designations involve requirements for historic preservation.

Based upon the 1990 master plan’s listing of Greenbelt as a historic resource, Wilkerson and Nichols say, “thus, architectural compatibility, as well as the preservation of the concepts of the original plan, could reasonably become appropriate design guidelines.” They claim that county planners could have used requests for building permits for additions in GHI as a way of enforcing newer requirements such as stormwater management and parking from which GHI is otherwise grandfathered. They further disputed the claim that lot standards do not apply.

Wilkerson and Nichols called for “no additions to be approved until lot lines are established on a detailed site plan for review purposes.” They added: “The board should give serious consideration to requesting the county council to reconsider” its repeal of the 1988 law.

A&E Committee

The News Review has learned that the remaining members of the A&E Committee on August 13 submitted a letter to the GHI Board expressing their opinion that the removal of Wilkerson

and Nichols was “ill-considered and inappropriately punitive.” They urged the board to reconsider its decision.

They noted that when GHI became aware of the 1988 law, “no public process was initiated whereby the GHI Board and members could better understand it, discuss the pros and cons for GHI and democratically reach consensus on how GHI should proceed.” The letter writers argue that Wilkerson and Nichols clearly stated that the views they were expressing were their own and supported their right to do so and should not have been dismissed. “If the board wants committee chairs and members to support it in all matters and refrain from public dissent, then the board should formally present this principle to the membership for discussion and decision.”

The letter, over GHI Board of Directors President Julia Eichhorst’s signature, reaffirmed the board’s decision to remove Wilkerson and Nichols and noted that Wilkerson and Nichols had not been “banned for life.” Eichhorst also relayed the board’s appreciation for the work of the A&E Committee and its members.

The News Review obtained a copy of this letter from other sources after GHI Manager Gretchen Overdurff declined the newspaper’s request for a copy, citing the “wish of the members of the board to move forward.”

Blue Sky Puppets Present “11th Finger”

On October 9 at 3 p.m. the Blue Sky Puppet Theatre will present a free children’s play, “The Eleventh Finger,” at the Old Parish House in College Park. An original mystery/myth about the discovery and creation of one of the first musical instruments, it features mythic elements as a boy sets out on a journey to solve an ancient riddle and demonstrates the virtues of respect, courage and determination. The play includes a giant puppet, a masked actor, music and beautifully painted sets.

Founded by Michael Cotter in 1974 and based in University Park, Blue Sky Puppet Theatre is a professional touring children’s and family theater and since 1980 exclusively a theater for young audiences. Cotter remains artistic director, producer and co-owner; the eight-person company performs 1,300 shows a year.

The play is suitable for children age 5 and older. The Old Parish House is at the corner of Knox Road and Dartmouth Avenue. For more information visit the website at www.cpae.org, email info@cpae.org or call 301-927-3013.

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POLICE BLOTTER

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department.
Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Assault

Breezewood Drive and Edmonston Terrace, September 15, 4 p.m., a student walking home from school was about to use his cell phone when another youth approached and demanded the phone, pulling it from the victim. The victim took it back at which time the other youth punched the victim in the face and ran from the area. The next day the victim and his mother saw the suspect and notified police. The suspect was released to the school pending action by the juvenile justice system.

School Incidents

Eleanor Roosevelt High School, September 16, 9:15 a.m., a 15-year-old Greenbelt youth was detained because of a fight inside the school cafeteria. The youth walked away from a School Resource Officer and began punching lockers in the hallway and yelling. The youth was arrested and struggled with officers as they attempted to handcuff him, knocking the officers to the ground. One officer sustained a minor laceration to the head. The youth was arrested for assault and released to a guardian pending action by the school board and the juvenile justice system.

Greenbelt Middle School, September 20 and 21, three juveniles were arrested for disruption of school activities in three incidents. One youth was from Lanham, a second from Bladensburg and the third was a student from Eleanor Roosevelt High School. One youth allegedly threatened an employee after being disciplined for having a cell phone in violation of school policy, another allegedly threatened a teacher and the third was charged with trespass and giving a false statement after it was determined he was not a student at the school. The two middle school students were suspended and all were released to their parents pending action by the school board and juvenile justice system.

Drugs

Roosevelt Center, September 15, 2:26 p.m., a Greenbelt resident was arrested and charged with possession of paraphernalia used to ingest drugs. An officer observed a suspicious person and conducted a pat down search for weapons. The suspect advised he had a knife in his pocket. When the officer attempted to locate the knife, he discovered a pipe commonly used to smoke marijuana in the suspect's pocket. The suspect was released pending trial.

Possession of Handgun

7700 block of Kenilworth Avenue, September 22, 4:08 a.m., a 28-year-old Greenbelt resident was arrested following a vehicle stop for an equipment violation. A computer check revealed the driver had a suspended license. Located in the vehicle was a loaded 40 caliber handgun. The man was charged with possessing

a concealed deadly weapon, transporting a handgun in a motor vehicle and driving while suspended.

Disorderly Conduct

9100 block of Edmonston Terrace, September 17, 4:22 p.m., a 29-year-old Greenbelt resident was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct after being observed with a group of people who were drinking in public. The suspect became disorderly, shouting and causing onlookers to gather. The suspect was released on citation pending trial.

Trespass

Springhill Lake, September 16, 19 and 21, three non-resident men were arrested for trespass after being banned from the apartment complex by agents of the property. In one incident, a second man was arrested for possession of an open alcoholic beverage after officers observed two men loitering in the area. All were released on citation pending trial.

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City streets and highways, September 16 to 18, four non-resident men were arrested and charged with driving while impaired and other related charges after being stopped for traffic or equipment violations.

Vehicle Crimes

Beltway Plaza, September 21, a 28-year-old College Park man was arrested and charged with auto theft, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, driving while impaired and driving under the influence after officers responded to a report of a stolen vehicle being driven in the shopping center's parking lot. A computer check revealed that the 1992 Ford Escort had been reported stolen and the vehicle was stopped and the driver arrested. He was taken to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

The following vehicles were reported stolen: 100 block of Westway, September 18, a silver 2001 Toyota Echo 4-door, MD tags 5AGR34; 9000 block of Breezewood Terrace, a 1998 Plymouth van, recovered the next day in Hyattsville; 100 block of Westway, a 2003 Jeep Liberty, recovered the same day in northeast Washington. From the Mobil Gas Station, Centerway, a beige 1996 Toyota Corolla 4-door, MD tags ECR320 was stolen when the victim left the vehicle in the parking lot with the engine running and a man who was talking on a nearby pay telephone got into the vehicle and drove away. The suspect is described as a black male, 18 to 20 years of age with a medium build, close cropped hair and wearing a light colored polo shirt.

Vandalism, theft from auto or attempted auto theft incidents were reported at Julian Court, 20 Southway, Hamilton Place, 7800 block Hanover Parkway and the 7700 block of Greenbelt Road.

Family Calls Jury's Verdict a Travesty

According to Greenbelt police, Kevin M. Tinsley, the man accused of causing the death of Greenbelt resident Doreen McClendon on November 28, 2004, was found guilty of manslaughter and car theft on September 20 by a jury for the Circuit Court. The maximum sentence for manslaughter is 10 years and for auto theft five years, making the maximum total sentence a possible 15 years. Sentencing is expected to occur December 2. The case is before Judge E. Allen Shepherd.

In an article by Ruben Castaneda appearing in the November 21 issue of the Washington Post it was reported that friends and relatives of McClendon wept as the jury's verdict was read. They called the verdict a travesty. Tinsley was found not guilty on a charge of first degree murder, a charge that could have resulted in life imprisonment.

According to Tinsley's testimony as reported by Castaneda, Tinsley was asked to leave McClendon's apartment the night before but refused because it was too late to go anywhere else.

McClendon and her stepfather then went to the Hyattsville courthouse for a protective order at 2:30 a.m. The order was denied because McClendon previously had taken out such an order and had accused him of assault but had then asked officials to drop those charges, Castaneda reported.

At about 11 that morning Tinsley said he went outside to smoke and was refused reentry to the apartment by McClendon, who Tinsley claimed was wielding a knife, according to Castaneda. Tinsley, denying that he stabbed McClendon, claimed he grabbed her and she fell on top of him and screamed. Tinsley then drove off in McClendon's car and was arrested five days later in Houston.

The prosecuting State's Attorney, according to Castaneda, claimed in closing argument that McClendon had been stabbed not only in the chest but in her left hand and right thigh. At the trial, the judge refused a juror request to see McClendon's request for a protective order because Shepherd had previously ruled that it could not be admitted into evidence, Castaneda reported.

The Post article also said that Tinsley's attorney, George Harper, intended to appeal the manslaughter and auto theft convictions.



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Senior Resource of the Month

Are Moods Affecting Life? Depression Screening Oct. 4

Millions of Americans feel like they're losing control over their emotions. A recent Harvard Medical School study of developed and developing nations finds that the United States has the highest rate of mental health disorders such as depression – and that they are all too frequently undiagnosed.

For most people, figuring out the line between "I've been moody lately" or "I get tired easily," "I can't sleep" and "I have depression" is difficult. That's why Greenbelt will offer anonymous free depression screening on Tuesday, October 4 as part of National Depression Screening Day.

At National Depression Screening Day, people are invited to fill out a one-page questionnaire assessing the likelihood they may be suffering from depression, bipolar disorder, generalized anxiety disorder or post-traumatic stress disorder. Attendees will also have the opportunity to hear an educational presentation, receive pamphlets and brochures and follow up privately with a mental health professional if necessary. The program is free for all those who attend and is completely confidential.

The stigma associated with depression and related disorders has decreased in recent years but many people still are not able to recognize depression in themselves and others. National Depression Screening Day is an easy first step for anyone concerned about his or her mental health or that of someone close to them.

Greenbelt's Depression Screening Day will be held on Tuesday, October 4 at four locations:

Green Ridge House – 22 Ridge Road (Green Ridge House residents only), from 10 a.m. to noon

Community Center – 15 Crescent Road, Community Meeting Room, from 10 a.m. to noon

Giant Food Beltway Plaza – 6000 Greenbelt Road, Pharmacy Department, from 10 a.m. to noon and 5 to 7 p.m.

Springhill Lake Recreation Center – 6101 Cherrywood Lane, from 5 to 7 p.m.

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The Senior Resource of the Month column is written by Greenbelt's Community Resource Advocate Christal Parker Batey and published as a community service.

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public policy without getting a masters degree. The breadth and depth of issues which council addresses is amazing.

While learning from colleagues and staff, as well as from other officials at local, state and national levels, he has been afforded an opportunity to be an advocate for affordable housing, to work on coordinated transportation, to explore improved marketing of Roosevelt Center and cultural amenities, and to apply Greenbelt planning principles, particularly with respect to the development of Greenbelt West (Springhill Lake and Metroland).

Herling advocated these points at AIMCO's (Springhill Lake's developer) architectural charette and at the "Reality Check" in February of 2005. Sponsored by the Urban Land Institute, the University of Maryland and COG, local public officials, environmentalists, affordable housing advocates and members of the business and labor communities, using smart growth principles, had to project where up to 2 million jobs and 1.5 million new housing units would be located by 2030.

Herling's community service has been oriented toward creating and developing programs which foster community interaction and understanding. He helped found the Greenbelt Arts Center, has chaired and served on the Community Relations Advisory Board and served on the board as a direc-

tor and now as council liaison to Greenbelt Access Television.

Herling's previous community experience includes serving as vice president of the Springhill Lake Civic Association (1980-1983), as a member of the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. Nominations and Elections Committee, vice president and secretary of the Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club and representative to the Roosevelt Center Merchants Association for the Greenbelt Arts Center. He helped organize the Roosevelt Center Charette (1985) to help re-design the town center, was a member of the Crime Prevention Committee (1983-5) and was a member of the task force to support the bond referendum of 1989 (which provided funding to convert the former elementary school to a community center and to create Schrom Hills Park).

In 1987-88 he served as vice chairman of the Arts Policy Committee, whose report led to the creation of the Arts Advisory Committee. In 1989 he proposed the creation of a city planning department which was established shortly afterward. He received the Outstanding Citizen of the Year award in 2001.

Activities for Greenbelt's youth have also been an interest of Herling. In 2003 he helped coach six- to eight-year-olds in the "machine pitch" baseball program and helped produce two teen concerts.

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council and the Prince George's County planning board.

Greenbelt had been particularly concerned about the impact on Cherrywood Lane in Springhill Lake if adequate ingress and egress from the Capital Beltway and Greenbelt Road were not in place when the major multiple-use facility consisting of residences, office space, hotels and shopping center should open.

Planning Board Hearing

On September 15, two days after the District Council's decision, the Prince George's County planning board held a hearing, which was attended by members of the city's planning staff, on the requests for reconsideration of the Preliminary Plan and the Conceptual Site Plan for Greenbelt Station. The planning board unanimously approved the reconsideration.

Also before the planning board was a revised lot pattern for the Preliminary Plan of Subdivision. A hearing on the merits of the request will be scheduled in the future.

Calling All Marines

All present and former U.S. Marines are invited to join the Marine Corps League, Free State Detachment. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at the DAV Hall, 8205 Laurel Bowie Road (Telephone 301-464-8899). An application to join can be obtained from the Adjutant Paymaster, 1502 Pageant Court, Bowie, MD 20716.

City Notes

Public Works streets crews repaired the asphalt base of sections of the parking lot at Buddy Attick Park and spread wood millings along Northway from Ridge Road to the ballfield.

The facilities maintenance crew patched three holes in the women's restroom at Schrom Hills Park that were caused by vandalism.

The parks crew set stone retaining walls in the new patio area at Buddy Attick Park, replaced the broken pedestrian bridge railings in the Lakewood Stream Valley Park and delivered 12 picnic tables to Boxwood Park on Lastner Lane for the Boxwood Village Homeowners Association annual meeting.

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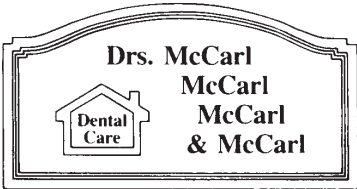


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Pooches Take an Annual Dip

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Charles Jackman and Sheena



With a little help from her friends, Holly is coaxed into the water.



Julie-Anne Celdran's dog says, "Do we really want to do this?" Many of the dogs were initially timid but then quickly seemed to have a good time.



Hunk of fluff Little Bear is a handful for Sharon Lefkowitz.



Dallas enjoys a game of catch in the water.



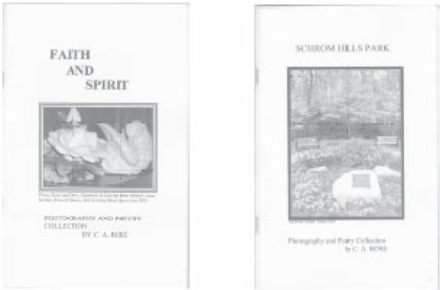
Later in the day Holly wondered, "Are we having fun yet?" Here the Yorkshire terrier is with Celsiana Cornett but owned by Amitiyah Hyman.



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Beaverdam Creek Watershed Walk in New Forest Preserve

by Mark Christal

On Sunday September 18 a group of eight area residents explored part of the Beaverdam Creek Watershed. The walk was led by Mi Ae Kim and Susan Barnett, both Greenbelt residents, who have recently formed the Beaverdam Creek Watershed Watch Group (BCWWG).

This group was formed with the goals of advocating for and protecting the watershed and its water quality, educating residents to help reduce negative impacts to the watershed and . . . to have fun!

The walk was through parts of the recently proclaimed (but still un-named) forest preserve of Greenbelt and also explored a tributary of Beaverdam Creek. Participants enjoyed the relative coolness and fresh air the forest provided while observing small fish in the water and signs of deer and other wildlife on the tributary banks. However, the heavy streambank erosion, trash and invasive Japanese stiltgrass reminded them of how human activities can affect the watershed negatively. The group enjoyed discussing possible ways for local citizens to help protect and improve the watershed.

Members of the group shared their thoughts and experiences about this beautiful wooded area that is part of Greenbelt's charm. The birdwatchers in the group talked about the species they have spotted in the woods and larger watershed area, such as wood

thrush, bald eagle and Baltimore oriole. They talked of past threats to the woods by development and overuse by bicyclists that had been overcome and they wondered what the next big challenge would be.

The Beaverdam Creek Watershed, a subwatershed of the Anacostia River Watershed, is an important resource for the region. It enjoys a relatively large amount of forested area compared to the rest of the Anacostia Watershed. This land cover provides high quality habitat for plants and animals and contributes relatively clean water to the main river system. The BCWWG hopes to gain community-wide support for protecting this resource and to further improve the quality of the water.

Upcoming activities for BCWWG include a watershed education conference on Saturday, October 1 from 9 a.m. to noon and a watershed cleanup on Saturday October 8 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Additional watershed walks are being planned in the BARC areas and other parts of the watershed. Call Susan Barnett, 301-474-7465 for further information.



From left to right are Susan Barnett, Michel Cavigelli, Katia Cavigelli, Colette Zanin, Bob Fireovid, Joan Fireovid, Mi Ae Kim and Mark Christal.

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